GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:34
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DISTRICT PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enrolment of students had been adversely affected in certain parts of the country due to lack of basic necessities/facilities in schools under District Primary Education Programme (DPEP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there was shortage of teachers, black boards, school buildings and sitting capacity in classrooms and new schools were not opened as per the targets;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether a large per cent of the schools are lacking basic facilities like drinking water, toilet for girl students etc.;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the measures taken to overcome the shortcomings in fulfilling the objectives of DPEP?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(A) to (g) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 34 FOR 25.07.2006 ASKED BY SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA REGARDING "DISTRICT PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME".

(a) to (g): DPEP is presently operational only in 22 districts of the country. As per data furnished under the District Information System for Education (DISE) 2004-05, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in 17 of these districts is more than 100, in 3 districts it is more than 90 and in 2 districts it is more than 65.

In the 22 districts of DPEP, against a target of 2770 new school buildings 1976 have been completed so far, against a target of 24290 teachers the achievement is 24077, out of a target of 11227 of additional classrooms the achievement is 10366, against a target of 6620 toilets for girls, 5806 have been constructed, out of 6574 drinking water facilities, 4571 have been completed. In addition, every Government Primary School is provided a school grant of Rs.2000/- per year.

As per DISE data for 2003-04 and 2004-05 schools with drinking water rose from 78% to 80.6% and toilets in schools from 42% to 47% in the country.

The DPEP project in the 22 districts is being implemented rigorously to achieve the objectives of the scheme.